

SENATE BILL 600

By Hensley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4,  
relative to the Tennessee historical commission.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-11-102, is amended by deleting the section and substituting instead the following:

(a) The entire membership of the Tennessee historical commission as comprised on June 30, 2021, is vacated on July 1, 2021, and new members are appointed in accordance with subsection (b).

(b) There is created the Tennessee historical commission, which is composed of twelve (12) members as follows:

(1) One (1) person appointed from each of the three (3) grand divisions of the state and one (1) at-large member, appointed by the speaker of the senate;

(2) One (1) person appointed from each of the three (3) grand divisions of the state and one (1) at-large member, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives; and

(3) One (1) person appointed from each of the three (3) grand divisions of the state and one (1) at-large member, appointed by the governor.

(c) The commission shall appoint a state historical director, who serves at its pleasure and who must be a person qualified by training and experience to perform the duties of the office.

(d) Except as provided in subsection (e) for initial appointments, the terms of the members of the commission are for five (5) years.

(e)

(1) In order to stagger the terms of the newly appointed commission members, initial appointments are made as follows:

(A) The persons appointed as at-large members under subdivisions (b)(1)-(3) serve an initial term of one (1) year, which expires on June 30, 2022;

(B) The persons appointed from the eastern grand division under subdivision (b)(1), the middle grand division under subdivision (b)(2), and the western grand division under subdivision (b)(3) serve an initial term of two (2) years, which expires on June 30, 2023;

(C) The persons appointed from the middle grand division under subdivision (b)(1), the western grand division under subdivision (b)(2), and the eastern grand division under subdivision (b)(3) serve an initial term of three (3) years, which expires on June 30, 2024; and

(D) The persons appointed from the western grand division under subdivision (b)(1), the eastern grand division under subdivision (b)(2), and the middle grand division under subdivision (b)(3) serve an initial term of four (4) years, which expires on June 30, 2025.

(2) Following the expiration of members' initial terms as prescribed in subdivision (e)(1), all five-year terms begin on July 1 and terminate on June 30, five (5) years later.

(f) In the event of the death or resignation of an appointed member of the commission, the vacancy must be filled in the same manner as the original appointment was made.

(g) All members of the commission may be paid necessary expenses while engaged in the work of the commission. All reimbursement for travel expenses must be in accordance with the comprehensive travel regulations as promulgated by the department of finance and administration and approved by the attorney general and reporter.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-11-207, is amended by deleting the section and substituting the language:

The historical director of the Tennessee historical commission is designated as keeper of the Tennessee register of historic places.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect July 1, 2021, the public welfare requiring it.